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A MOHAMMEDAN ORDINATION.

An interesting Mohammedan ceremony was held in the mosque at Foulah Town on Wednesday May 26. Mohammedans from various parts of the Colony were invited to witness and take part the ceremony. It was a ceremony held to admit three Mohammedans students who had been studying for sometime to render themselves qualified for the order of Alfah or a priest of their religion. Their names were Abu Boccary, Sulelmana and Ibrahima: they are all men of advanced age and said to posses large experience; they studied under Alfah Omaru, a highly intelligent priest of Foulah Town. Almami Amarrah, chief priest of Foulah Mown, officiated on the occasion, and was assisted by some of the heads of the religion from Foulay Bay and the village of Aberdeen. The candidates were presented by their tutor, Alfah Omaru, who also read the preliminary services at the mosque. After the preliminary services had been gone through, Almami Amarrah called on Altah Mohammed Sanusi, Arabic writer to the Colonial Government, and two other priests to assit him in the ordinary service. The service itself was conducted with that intense solemnity which characterises the religion of Islam, and which generally possesses all its worshippers in their devotional exercises. At the conclusion of the ordination services and whilst Alfah Mohammedan Sanusi and the two other assiting priests with him were wrapping and adjusting the white turbans round the heads of the newly admitted candidates, a few other priests by appointment, read alternately out of their formularies such portions as were neccessary for, and suitable to the occasion. The white turban is the badge of the priestly order. At the close, the three men, on quitting the mosque, were accompanied to their respective homes by numerous friends who were repeating all along the way some verses in the Arabic. The eldest of the three was not allowed to walk home, but was carried by some young men on their shoulders in token of their respect and congratulations. At their homes sumptuous repasts had been provided and their friends were entertained to their hearts content.—*W. A. Reporter.*

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN MANUAL.

A "Republican Manual" for the campaign of 1880, is announced as in print and very soon to be issued. It is written by Mr. E. V. Smalley, long known as a brilliant newspaper correspondent, and for many years a leading editorial writer on the *New York Tribune.* Leading features of the book will of course be biographies of the candidates. It will be the authoritative and most complete sketch of Gen. Garfield which will appear. Mr. Smalley was at one time the General's private secretary, and has been his intimate friend during the whole of his public career, and is therefore qualified by special advantages, as well as by talent and experience, for the task undertaken.

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THE DISMAL SWAMP.

A Virginia paper tells some things which are not generally known about the Dismal Swamp. It is not a vast bog, sunk low in the ground, into which the drainage of the surrounding country flows. On the contrary it is above the level ground some fifteen or twenty feet, as was demonstrated by actual surveys. Instead of being a receptacle into which rivers and streams enter and flow, it is in reality an immense reservoir that, in its vast sponge-like bulk, gathers the waters that fall from the heavens and pours them into the five rivers which flow onward to the sea. Any one would imagine that the Dismal was a veritable charnel house that spreads its miasmas throughout the country. On the contrary, it is the healthiest place on the American continent.

The swamp is entirely of green timber. There is absolutely no decomposed wood; one sees trees lying around the forests and swamps. The two principal woods that grow in the place are the juniper and cypress, which never rot. They fall prone on the ground like other trees, but, instead of the wood decomposing, it turns into peat, and lies indissoluble by air or water for ages perfectly sound. There is nothing in the swamp to create miasma; no rising of the tides and decomposition of rank vegetables; no marshes exposed to the burning rays of the sun. All is fresh and sweet, and the air is laden with as sweet odors as the fragrant woods in May, when the fragrance of the flowers mingles with the pungent scent of the pine and dogwood. In ante-bellum days all planters were anxious to hire their slaves to shingle-makers in the swamp on account of its healthfulness.

Mr. Reddick, a well-known contractor, says he worked a gang of fifty hands in the Dismal, getting shingles, and in all that time there was not a single case of ague and fever. I have seen numerous affidavits of overseers and agents who have lived in the swamp their whole lifetime, and they never knew a death caused by miasma, or a solitary instance of ague and fever. The air is pure and sweet, and the water, tinged to a faint wine hue by the juniper, is as potent a medicinal drink as is to be found at the famous watering places of the Virginia mountain spas. It is often used by vessels going on a foreign cruise, on account of its healthful properties, and also because it keeps fresh and clear for years. It is a strong and invigorating tonic with a pleasant taste.—*Ex.*

On last Monday the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows celebrated their thirty-six anniversary in a very creditable manner by a grand procession in the afternoon and banquet in the evening. The day, though threatening rain early in the morning, was all that could have been desired for a street parade, and it is scarcely necessary to say that each lodge appeared to good advantage as they stepped off with military precision for a tramp through the avenues of the city. The four lodges of Chicago, together with visiting brethren from Braidwood, Ill., and Louisville, Ky., under the marshalship of Robert Harris, Chief, J. B. Williams and E. H. Morris, Aids, made quite an imposing procession, and comments were frequent in the mouths of all who witnessed it as to its fine appearance, and the venerable and intellectual composition of its body. Great credit is due the Committee of Arrangements and also the Reception Committee for their efficient management. In the evening the grand banquet occurred at McCormick's Hall, and long before the lodges were ready to start from their asylums the people began to gather at the hall, and upon the arrival of the Order the spacious and magnificent *auditorium* was crowded with the *elite* of the city. The exercises were of the usual order, and after a grand march and various ceremonies, addresses were made by J. W. Granthem, Master of Ceremonies who gave an historical account of the establishment of Odd Fellowship in America. Other addresses by Joseph Duncan, P. N. F. of Chicago, Moses Gordon, of Braidwood, and Solomon Taylor, M. V. P., Chicago, all of whom did well, but Mr. Solomon Taylor's noble voice and volubility pleased all to an overflow. Mr. Taylor bids fair to be an able orator.

It was regretted that most of the visiting brethren were compelled to leave on on early train, and they were escorted to the depot by the city lodges and return to the hall participated in the festivities of the evening. Among other creditable features was the magnificent supper table which was loaded in true banquet style, and under the efficient supervision of Messrs. Miller, Hall and Adams, caterers. In our opinion, the table could not have been gotten up any better style for a king or nobleman. The whole affair was a success. Great credit is due the ladies who assited the Joint Committee for the manner in which they conducted things generally.

The occasion will doubtless be long remembered by all who participated and witnessed the grand banquet and the procession.—*Rep. Advocate* Chicago, Ill.

London, July 28.—Brigadier General Sir Evelyn Woods, who accompanied the ex-Empress Eugene to Zululand, has sent to the papers a description of the death of the Prince Imperial, collected from the independent narratives of eighteen of the Zulus who participated in the attack on the Prince's party, and showing that the attacking party numbered forty, twelve of whom followed the Prince, and eight being immediately concerned in his death. The Zulus having nearly surrounded the Prince's party, fired and rushed on them as they were mounting. The Prince, not having succeeded in mounting, ran alongside his horse until it broke away. The Prince followed the horse into the Donga, until, being closely pressed by his pursuers, he turned upon them, in the words of the Zulus, "like a lion at bay." Being struck by an assegai inside the left shoulder, he rushed at the nearest opponent, who fled. An other Zulu then fired at the Prince when only ten yards from him. He fired his pistol and faced his rapily increasing foes, until menaced from his right and rear and struck by another assegai, he regained the level on which he had first stood in the Donga, where he was speedily surrounded. He seized an assegai which had been thrown at him—in struggling with his terrified horse his sword had fallen from his scabbard—and thus defended himself against seven or eight Zulus, who state that they did not dare to closeon him until he sank exhausted on his hips. The above facts were elicited from the Zulus who were examined separately on the scene of the attack. It may be remarked that this is the first correct description of the affair that has yet been published.

A FEW CORRECTIONS.

Mr. Editor:—Your paper of the 31st inst, was somewhat replete with information and comments on Summer Resorts, which were fair enough I suppose upon the whole with one exception. Whether "C. O." wrote it so, or whether it was the fault of the printer certainly that "no opportunity" ought to be "an opportunity." Though the context would naturally suggest that the writer did not mean to say what was printed, still to make it perfectly plain to all, I desire to say that there is a croquet ground within thirty feet of Myrtle Hall and directly overlooking this ground there are twenty-six windows. "On account of the fences being removed and the grounds enlarged," there is at least a baker's dozen of trees under whose inviting shade spectators can sit and see the strokes of mallets, the velocity, collision and rebounding of balls with perfect ease and satisfaction.

Yours Respt.
W.

Harper's Ferry Aug. 2.

The will of Rev. Thomas Ferrell, a catholic priest, of New York City, just admitted to probate, contains the following clause:

"I give to my executors hereafter mentioned $5,000 eight per cent Alabama State bonds, for the purpose of of aiding in the erection or purchase of a Catholic church in this city, for the colored Catholics of African descent. And I wish that the said church be erected in a part of this city convenient for the attendance of the colored people. My motive in making a bequest for the benefit of the colored people is simply this: I believe that the white people of the United States have inflicted grievous wrong on the colored people of African descent, and I believe that Catholics have shamefully neglected to perform their duty toward them. I wish, then, as a white citizen of these United States, and a Catholic, to make what reparation I can for that wrong and that neglect. I hope that God will accept the reparation, and avert from these United States, so dear to me, from the Church of God I love so well, any punishment they may have deserved by their injustice and neglect. And I empower and command my executors, hereafter mentioned, if within three years after my death no steps have been taken by the Most Rev. Archbishop and the priests of this city for the purchase or erection of a Catholic church for the colored Catholics of New York, to hand over and pay the last above-mentioned $5,000 Alabama State bonds to the Asylum or Home for colored people or children, now located at One-hundred-and-forty-third-st., northwest boulevard of this city, for their protection and support.

The second Grand Fair of the North Carolina Industrial Association will be held in the city of Raleigh, N. C., on Monday the 27th day of September, 1880. It is highly essential that all the colored people of our State should encourage the enterprise by giving it their undivided support. The officers and members are worthy of all that can be said or done for them; they have out lived their oppenents, and as all young men should do, marched fearlessly to the front.—*G. Samaritan.*

An individual in Columbus, Ga., sent the following on a postal card to Dr. Tanner:

To Dr. Tanner: Make it forty three days or nothing. The people in this section are confident of your success. Tramps can't get a bite of food here under any circumstances. You have comgletely spoiled their business. "Go Tan yourself," is all they get. Hotels are beginning to term their boarders first, second and third class. The first is called Tanner's one-mealers, and pay $8 a month. The second are two-mealers or "short hungers." The third are looked upon as gluttons, and in either sex are not marriageable. Wishing you a long life and a hearty success, I am in future a one-mealer.

Respectfully yours,
Anti-Fat,

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OUR FUTURE.

"What part is the colored man to play in the future?" Is he forever to be a hewer of wood and a drawer of water? * * * * What have our colored youth to aspire to? * * They have not the same advantages that are accorded to white boys—they have not the same school privileges. * * The work shops and higher branches of trade and industry are closed against him. He can not enter the professions with a reasonable hope of success. He can do nothing that is elevating to the mind. * * All those things are working to the great disadvantage and detriment of the colored race. Having nothing to aspire to, they are becoming careless and indolent, seeking only for the transient pleasures of to day and caring nothing for the morrow. This could, in a great measure, be changed if the Republicans who claim to be the friends of the colored man, would stand by him and accord him his rights when in their power, and assist him in fighting for them when withheld by others."—Louisville, Ky., *Bulletin*.

We can not think there is no alternative to that condition of affairs so tersely stated above. If we agreed with the *Bulletin* that the Negro-American has no possible future in this land, except as a "hewer of wood and a drawer of water," we would at once be committed to the doctrine of emigration or amalgamation as a sure relief from the disagreeable predicament. If the Negro can not rise to equal recognition so long as his physical characteristics are an impediment, *let him* cast them in the strong current of complex nationality in which the diverse elements are so strong and so persistent that within a few generations, at least, there would be no trace of those intrusive racial elements which so harass and perturb American society, religion and politics; or, if a speedy absorption of a despised element into the blood of the Nation be not without a stain and drawback on the descendants of an inferior (?) stock, let the inevitable come; let those in whom there is a preponderance of African blood take themselves away from such a land, and let those of whom there is only an historical evidence of a community of interests between themselves and Africa, remain a few generations longer to fade completely out, or be faded out without the record of "a habitation or a name."

But we do *not* accept the logic of the *Bulletin*. True, the Republican Party could do much more than it has, to break down barriers. With its Navy Yards, Arsenals, Mint, Government Printing Establishments, Army and Naval Academies, there is much that it could do in opening up avenues of employment to colored men and women—giving them preferment and in securing them instruction in many of the skilled trades.

Great as the help which the Republican Party can afford by a more equitable dispensation of patronage than has hitherto characterized its administration of public affairs, and teat of individual action of Republicans (be because of opposites in politics) *the power of self-help is vastly greater*. This the Negro-American still possesses; this he still uses whenever it is necessary for his gratification, as on excursions, in his societies and churches, this power he must exert to to raise himself in the social scale.

White people, however friendly to the race, so far as public justice is concerned, in schools, courts and public privileges, can not be expected, as a rule, to look out for and advance meritorious youth so long as there are needy *white* youth to whom they are related by marriage or other ties, to be provided for. There was an example of that in the case of the colored boy who applied to Whitelaw Reid's committee to be sent out West. It is idle, then, to expect any great assistance from politicians; they care mainly for office; the work, the great work, must be done by ourselves. It remains with ourselves if we are to remain as a race "hewers of wood and drawers of water." The open question is not one of our ability to break down barriers, but of our willingness to endure the hardships necessary to make the combinations practicable, to concentrate our now divided forces, and to cultivate the unity and perseverance inseparable from success in any high undertaking.

In view of the jarring and contention of the factions among us in church, societies and politics, if there is not that spirit which can subdue self for future gain we have no one to blame but ourselves. Like the Jews, we can work out our own social salvation in spite of laws and customs hoary with age.

Take Louisville where the *Bulletin* is printed, and from which comes that sad wail of despair, and let us begin with the *Bulletin* itself; it is a very creditable paper, and from its local department we are confident it has a very good circulation among all classes of our people, and that it is well patronized by the secret, benevolent and social organizations of that city and State. We would like to ask, does the *Bulletin* have a printing office of its own with colored compositors, or is its work done by contract by white printers? We ask this only because it is pertinent to the issue. We assume that it has—if so, it is giving colored youth opportunity to learn "the art preservative of all arts," which they can not learn except by stealth at the big white offices of that city. We conclude that there are thousands of dollars worth of job work done by churches and societies, and that thousands more are spent on regalias. Would not the control of the work done in these branches open the way up into others—say the stationery, millinery, dry goods and grocery business?

The fact is, we have rarely had our shoemakers, carpenters, cart drivers and kalsomining unions; therefore, it is, we have been beaten in detail and kept back. What we must do is, to resolve not to be kept back until after having first turned over every stone to find the hidden talisman of success. If we can only be "hewers of wood" here, let us either get *white* as fast and on as large a scale as we can, or let us flee the country—at least those of us who will not bend our necks to the yoke.

But we need not get white, that is, "get away from the race," as many do, or flee the country *en masse*. We can, if we will, by our own efforts make as marvelous progress in our social and material development, identifiying ourselves more directly with the commercial and industrial interests of the Nation, as it is conceded we have made in an education point of view. *Will we do it?* That is the question.

Parties receiving their paper with this paragraph marked, are hereby notified that unless they remit forthwith, their papers will be discontinued.

So this is the basis for the charge that we wrote a letter instructing Mr. H. how to act. Comment is unecessary. Herewith we dismiss the matter and the man who originated the report from our columns. We beg pardon from our readers for trespassing thus far on their patience.

The *National Era* the title of the paper which succeeded the *Free Lance*, is a very creditable sheet, typographically and otherwise. Its editor Mr. Lavalette is a practical printer, its business manager Mr. M. M. Holland, is a man of force of character, its associate editor Rev. Wm. Waring was a short time editor of the ADVOCTDE. (1876 77), since which time he has occasionally contributed to our columns Mr. H. Johnson and Lewis H. Douglass have both had journalistic expense the former as a reporter for the *National Republican*, the latter as editor of the *New National Era*, which suspended in 1874. The *National Era* is an evidence of what we can do. In how many cities can you get two such papers as the *Advocate* and the *Era*.

BALTIMORE NOTES.

—The St. James Excursion to Irving Park on the 29th ult. surpassed anything of the kind given this summer. The day opened with a cloudless sky deeply tinged with a peculiar blue. The sun shone forth in great splendor and the prospects of a nice day and pleasant time were hugely indulged in. No brain could conceive or artist portray the brilliant firmamental landscape that was painted by some unseen and supernatural hand in the eastern skies. Shakspeare tells that "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune," such was the fortune of the six hundred that assembled at the above named Park. To be in possession of real pleasure is a fortune and if none of the attendants never claim fortune any more they can do so on the above named occasion. Standing at the Grand stand and looking down upon the moving masses below was an exhibition that baggers description. There one saw *en masse* the elite of Baltimore and Washington. Irving Park popular and rustic as it is, has not been in possession of so much refinement, fashion and intellectual culture since founding. The occasion was a grand, brilliant and pleasant one, that every one was apparently tickled with delight. The leaves on the trees appeared to murmur "What means all this" while the tall slender oaks bowed in graceful submission to the onward of march civilization. The passing trains caught the music of the occasion that was wafted from the pavillion in its play of the shottische, galop, waltz, quadrille, polka and heel and toe. One writer says that "dancing gives elasticity to the feet" and I venture to say that many a foot was made elastic on that day. There were a great many notable persons present from all parts of the country which greatly enriched the scene. I visited the pavillion after a quadrille had been finished and

> "Hundred tongues were heard in one loud din;
> The pleasure seekers rushing hastily in,
> Each anxious to share in the galop."

At a table nicely spread sat Prof. Greener, U. S. Minister John Smyth to Liberia, John Frith of Bermuda Island, Gen. Emerson, Dr. H. J. Brown, Jno. W. Locks and W. L. Vessels partaking of a sumptous banquet, given in honor of Prof. Greener's great work at West Point in behalf of Whittaker. That action on the part of the professor has endeared him to the people of Maryland and his great and good work will ever be held by his people as a trophy that cannot decay. Nothing occurred the entire day to mar in any way the pleasure of any one. At the arrival of special trains for the guests the "noble six hundred" retired to the depot and embarked upon the train home; being highly pleased with the day's exercises, and greatly benefited otherwise; and if dancing gives elasticity to the feet many an elastic foot was carried away that day. No one will regret meeting us on the half way ground as I am certain we will not. There were present among others from Washington, Mrs. Mary Lacy, Mr. W. H. Smith and wife, Trustee of the Public Schools; Mrs. M. L. Mason and duaghter; Misses M. L. Boyer, M. H. Peters' Cherrie Vogelsang, of Annapolis, Ada Matthews, Mamie Harris, Etta Moses, Carrie Eddie of Phila.; Mr. Estren and wife, Mrs. Jno. M. Langston and son, Misses M. Tompkins, Savoy; Mesdames Geo. Johnson, M. M. Holland, Atwoo Chas. Peters, L. J. Dickey, of Columbus, O. Fidler, of Chillicothe, Ohio, Messer; Mr. and Mrs. John Smyth, U. S. Minister to Liberia Mesdames Martha Welsh, Jos. E. White, H. H. Gardner, Mr. Chas. Johnson and wife Mr. W. D. Montague and wife, Mr. John T. Bishop agent on B. and O. R. R. of Annapolis, Mrs. E. W. Montague and Jno. Sheppard, Mr. T. H. Barlow, Hon, Jas. B. Devaux, a member of the National Executive Committee, Miss Ella Gray, Mr. Chas. Peters, Mr. Spencer Murray and sister Wm. E. Matthews Esq. J. W. Cromwell Esq. of the *People's Advocate* and wife, Jerome A. Johnson, news editor of the PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE. Rev. S. P. Smith graduate of Howard University and on the editorial staff of the *Advocate* and Miss Arabella McCabe Mr. C. A. Fleetwood H. B Abrams, Dr. Frances of Ann Arbor, University, Prof. Greener, Mr. Jas. Brown, Mr. Geo. H. Lee and wife, Mr. Jno. A. Frith of Bermuda Island and lady, Mrs. Wm. Bruce, of Washinton and numbers of others, Baltimore was represented by H. Pape Dyer Esq., Mr. Walker Lewis, Burwell Banks, Jas. Bradford, Misses Lulie Gray, Carrie Fisher, A. M. Jackson, Henrietta Lucas, Ida Thomas, Lottie Blay, Frances Grooms, Mr. Shriver Deaver, Mrs. Waters and family, Dr. H. J. Brown and family, Dr. R. M. Hall and family, Messrs. Malachi Gibson, Wise Roberts, Jas. A. Harris, J. W. Locks, W. L. Vessels, Misses Lizzie Sythe, Virginia Jackson, Katie Dennis, Mamie Jones, Annie, Lucy, Mamie and Elsie Smith, Elizabeth Pinkney, Theodosia Perren, Julia Francis, Mr. Kelley and wife, Messrs. Goodman, Green and Elisha Hill, Mrs. C. M. Diggs, Mr. Chas. A. Curtis, Misses Maggie Jakes, Jos. Hurst and wife, Mr. Henry Wesley, George James, Louis James, J. E. Briscoe, Thos. Lewis, Jno. C. Matthews, Mr. Alfred Hopkins and wife, Mr. Geo. Gray, Miss Cynthia Robinson, of Bath N. Y. Misses Katie Green, Ella Gray, Laura Saunders, Lucinda Talbot, Buttercup in Webb's Pinafore troupe of this city, Wm. H. Wheeler, Mr. Wm. Brown, Geo. Downing, of Washington, Misses Josie Bradford, Maria Alexandria, Agnes Brooks and Mrs. Fernandis and others.

Theses are ome of the "noble six hundred," that participated in one of the grandest, most refined and intelligent excursions that ever was given at Irving Park and memories of it will live when the actors are passed away. It was a pecuniary success as well as one donating great pleasure to all who availed themselves of the opportunity to attend.

The special train soon brought the excursionists home and in few minutes all had retired to respective places of abode.

—Misses Janie Tucson and Lizzie Cornish left on Monday for one month stay in Newport.

—Rev. W. W. Colly ex-missionary to Africa, lectured at the Macedonia church on Tuesday evening. He was attentively listened to by an intelligent audience.

—Mr. Isaac Myers is out in a sharp letter a reply to Mr. W. L. Vessells. He charged Mr. with being "imported" and says that he does not speak for the entire citizens of Baltimore and the ADVOCATE classes his "imported teachers" with the carpet bag e'ash and thinks the "sneer" is not original. Another prominent gentleman intends to publish another caustic reply this week which might cause Mr. Vessells to say

> "Gentlemen thy keen knife seeth not the wound it make,
> Nor does Heaven peep throught the blanket of the dark,
> To cry hold! hold!

—Hancock and English's letters of acceptance did not create much enthusiasm in the house of his friends. Hancock did not have the Rebel yell, the fraud yell, the troupes at polls yell and unconstitutional Amendment yell strong enough about it, while English occupied his readers attention with an eulogy on Hancock and twenty years power is too long. A Democrat asked Republican what he thought of Hancock's letter so Republican in sentiments and manly in thought: he (the Republican) turning around and eyeing him squarely said, "Yes, I know it, but Harlequin is Harlequin still" and the people will not trust you.

—There is an advance in Ice of 25 cents much to the regret of the ice cream men and those who delight in feasting in the same. Many will be glad to see the return of winter when the ice the mometer will fall.

—Mr. Thomas Potter a well-known citizen will leave next week for a splendid trip in Clarke County Virginia.

—The St. James excursion gave birth at Irving Park on last Thursday to daisies' blue-bells, heliotropes, roses, all of beauty; for I must confess that there were more pretty ladies present them I have seen for sometime.

—Mrs. W. H. Williams and son of Macon, Georgia, in the city, the guests of Mrs. Taylor.

—Don't forget that the *Advocate* is for sale at 84½ St. Paul's Street, don't trouble any one for his or her paper when you can get one yourself.

St. Paul's Lyceum will ratify the adoption of its new Constitution on Monday 9th inst. The monthly message of the President W. T. McGwinn was well received and his recommendations heeded. "GOLIAH"

Mr. Editor:—A paper called the "Exodus" published in the city of Washington, has just been handed me. I find therein an article over the signature of its wandering editor, the so-called Rev. (?) J. D. Bagwell, which is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. You will favor me with sufficient space to answer the same, not so much to vindicate myself, as my character is too well known in this community, as it is to place a gentleman for whom I have the highest regard, aright before the public. In answering this article I do not propose to defile your sheet with the scurrillous language and billingsgate used by my assailant.

In the first place, a number of the delegates that attended the State Convention held in Trenton, N. J., on July 15, were opposed to the same, but consented to be elected delegates to obstruct the progress of an adventurer, who was attempting to use the citizens of this State as his toole, and, if possible, change the whole feature of the convention, and prevent it from drifting into a burlesque show, which this man Bagwell was endeavoring to do, and which we with pleasure prevented. Now, sir, if this convention has resulted in no other good, it has done this; it has removed this barnacle (Bagwell) from our body-politic. But to return to the convention: after we arrived in Trenton, we determined to break the slate as set up by this would-be autocrat, who had determined to make himself not only the president, but also the mouthpiece of the convention; but we quietly sat down on his aspirations, and elevated a gentleman who was in every way his superior, morally, socially, educationally as well as politically; vice, Mr. C. N. Robinson, of Camden. When the committee on credentials reported, we found that this man Bagwell was accredited a delegate from Union county, I opposed his admission to the convention upon the following grounds, which I clearly stated at the time, first, that he was not a citizen of this state; second, that he was a resident of Washington, and had not been in the state for the past three years; third that I had been creditably informed that he had a family residing in Brooklyn. Fourth, that he had come from Washington for this purpose.

He asked me if I could prove the assertions I made, and when he found that I could, he quietly subsided. In order to prevent any discord that might arise, and preserve harmony, a resolution was adopted in lieu of the report of the committee, giving all present the right to participate in the proceedings of the convention. Since the convention, I have been again informed that he has not been in Union county where he claims he resides that no credentials were made out to him; that he wrote his own credentials in Taylor's Opera House, during the recess of the convention while the committee on credentials were examining the same; and I again assert that by trickery and fraud, he fostered himself in a convention where he soon learned how small he was.

Now, sir, to show how little influence this man Bagwell possessed in the convention, I will state that he was neither appointed or elected to any place of honor, while I was the recipient of one, the secretaryship, receiving the unanimous vote of the convention. Again, there were several important committees appointed, intrusted with important issues vital to the interests of our people, none of which was he represented; while of one (the committee to wait on the National Republican Executive Committee, to draft a petition and present the same to the above committee) I have the honor of being chairman. He was not named even by the delegates of his own county, which he fraudulently represented, as one of the State Central Committee, while I was the choice of the delegation from my county. I do not write this in an egotistical spirt, but simply to place before your readers and the public, the true influence which this braggart exerted in the convention, and how he stands before the people of this state, which he has so wilfully misrepresented in the report of the proceedings of the convention in his obscure sheet, the "Exodus." And also to show how thoroughly unreliable is that paper, to be considered the organ of our race at the National Capital. It is a well-known maxim in law that *falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus*. Now, sir, to the main charge which has led me to answer this article, which I quote:

"Poor fellow, he came to me afterwards and begged my pardon for his indiscretion, and confessed that he was acting under instruction of the little villain of the *People's Advocate*, John Wesley Cromwell, who, he said, had written to him to make a fool of himself.' Now, sir, I stigmatize this whole paragraph as an unmitigated falsehood originating in an inventive and falsifying brain of an adventurer and disappointed demagogue of the lowest type. The facts are these: after the convention had adjourned *sine die*, and the delegates about departing to their several homes, this man Bagwell went to the chairman of the convention, Mr. C. N. Robinson, to find from him why I opposed him, and where I obtained my information, Mr. Robinson referred him to me for satisfaction, but also stated that the assertions I made were given to me by gentlemen in his presence. This Bagwell then *came to me* and stated that he had spent four months in endeavoring to get up this convention; that he had written it up in his paper; that he had written the call, and had also written a set of resolutions to be adopted by the convention; that I had done him wrong, and placed him in a false light; that he (mark you) had come expressly to attend this convention; that he had come from New York that morning, and exhibited an excursion ticket by which he intended to return to New York. In reply to him, I stated that the statements I made could be substantiated by gentlemen within call, and also referred him to the columns of that able paper, the PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE, edited by a gentleman who stands high in journalistic life, J. Wesley Cromwell, who had placed him before the public in no very enviable light. In answer to this he stated that the editor of that paper was his bitter enemy—simply because he had established a paper in Washington, and was seeking to obtain a livelihood through it; that he was doing all in his power to kill his paper and drive him from the District, and more of the same import which was not interesting to me, being a matter that concerned Mr. Cromwell and himself, and I simply narrate it in order to show the gist of the conversation, and to prove the falsity of his statement that I came to him to beg his pardon after a recital of his woes and trials. I excused myself, and entered in conversation with the distinguished and talented young editor of the Trenton *Sentinel*, J. Henri Herbert, and J. P. Johnson Howard of New York, who were standing near at the time.

Now, to make my letter more explicit, I re-assert in the most unequivocal language that I never sought him out, never made an attempt that might in the least have the slightest shadow of an apology, and I stand to-day as I stood upon the floor of the convention, and repeat that he is not a citizen of this state; that he fostered himself on the convention through trickery and fraud, and now add to that assertion that he is a deliberate falsifier; that he would stoop to the lowest depths to satiate an ungovernable ambition; that he is without any standing in the State; that he is an unscrupulous politician who would sell his race for a mess of pottage to the highest bidder; that he is unfit for the society of gentlemen; and finally, he is totally unworthy of belief.

Mr. Editor, in conclusion, while I thank you for the space granted, I will say that this letter will end the controversy withme, whatever he may say in the future will remain unanswered, as I can wield my pen to a better advantage than in a controversy with such a pigmy as he. Nor do I propose to aid him in bringing his obscure sheet into notoriety that he is so earnestly seeking. I would not have answered it at all, if it had not been for the cowardly and dastardly manner of the attack in the attempt to strike one who is his superior in every sense of the word. It is true as well as a trite saying, that a stone never thrown in the dark, and you hear a dog howl, you may know he is struck. Such has been the case of this would-be editor, who is still smarting under the infliction of the blow that I gave him on the floor of the convention and took this manner to give vent to his pent up venom.

The facts stated in this letter can be verified by C. N. Robinson, Camden, Mr. Mulvey of Sommerville, J. P. Johnson Howard, of Brooklyn, Judge Aldridge and J. L. Merrill of Jersey City, S. Johnson and J. Hall, of Burlington, all of whom were present at the time.

W. F. POWELL.
Bordentown, N. J.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1880.

JEROME A. JOHNSON News Editor.

LOCAL.

—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Mr. Lewis A. Freeman has gone to Boston to live.

—The letter in last week's Advocate from Harper's Ferry was too much for Frank T. Hyman; he is now at Mytle Hall.

—G. Renfro is about to take his annual trip but don't know where to go. Can't somebody tell him?

—D. A. Straker Esq. of S. C. is still in our midst, the guest of Dr. King. Mr. Straker never looked finer. He purposes almost immediately to go in the canvass in North and South Carolina.

—Madme Selika is giving open air concerts at Saratoga with great success.

—Miss Mary J. Patterson principal of the colored High School, left Wednesday night for Cleaveland.

—The funeral of Rev. Sinclair, took place at Galbraith Chapel Sunday morning.

—Mr. J. D. Baltimore, has received a pernanent appointment as machinist at the Medical Department of Howard University.

—The Sparta Club has our thanks for invitation to its first annual picnic.

VAN NESS.

The pic nic at the above named garden Monday, was not as well attended as it should have been. Had all the active co-operation of all the lodges been obtained it wold have been a financial as well as social success.

—Geo. T. Sewell has left the city for the summer on a tour to the New England States.

—Messrs. Wm. L. Browne and Stephen R. Wall have returned from their Summer vacation looking well.

—Miss Mamie L. Browne is now at Cape May, from there she goes to Newport.

—The invitations of the Sparta Social Club to their first basket pic nic are out. It takes place at Irving Park.

—Mrs. Ida Richardson left last week for Sandy Springs.

—Mrs. Otey leaves for Richmond.

—Miss Mary Nalle has been appointed to a temporary clerkship in the Treasury Department.

—Nearly three hundred persons went with Rev. William Roane to the bush meeting at Carlin Springs, Va. It was a very pleasant crowd. Very *little* intoxication liquor was a long. No accidents. An earnest sermon. About $200, netted to the church. 'It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath," so saith the Scriptures.

—The children connected with the Saint Mary P. E Chapel were favored with a picnic at the Observatory Grounds Monday afternoon. The Catholic band was present and the children sang, there was an irrestible temptation "to trip it" on the light fantastic toe. Besides the teachers and officers, there were Mr. and Mrs. Jerome A. Johnson, Mrs. Mason and Misses Dade, Burnett, Hudnall, Nellie West, Mrs. Rutherford, Alice Davis and Miss Thomas, of I street.

—J. G. B. Marshall left Monday for Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Saratoga and an extended tour North.

—Frederick Douglass left Monday morning for Elmira, N. Y., where he delivered the "1st of August" Emancipation address.

—Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Augusta, Miss M. L. Brady and Miss Sallie Daffin have gone to Atlantic City.

—T. J. Minton is at Harper's Ferry.

—Misses Sarah C. Lewis and Esther Robinson leave to-day for Fauquier county, Va.

—Miss Julia W. Mason is sojourning in Virginia. She spent two weeks in Purcellville and left on the 6th inst. for Leesburg where she will remain till September, when she will return to the city and enter the Miner Normal School.

Dr. Charles B. Purvis gave a delightfully cozy and elegant dinner party to ten young ladies and gentlemen, on Monday evening last, at his residence, on 15th street, in honor of Dr. Samuel L. Cook and his friend Dr. Barbour, of Porto Rico, W. I., both of whom graduated recently with such distinguished honors at Ann Arbor, Mich. Among the guests in addition to those above named, were the Misses Sommerville, Mr F J Shadd, Miss Caddie L Parke, Miss Alice M Parke, Mr William E Matthews, and Miss Alice Johnson.

The Sparta Club picnic will take place on Friday, the 20th instant, instead of next Friday, the 13th instant This postponement is unavoidable, made so by the Superintendent of the Balimore & Ohio Railroad, at Baltimore, who gave Irving Park to Baltimore parties on that day, not knowing that the Assistant Superintendent at this end had "booked" the Sparta's for that day The Baltimore parties refused to give way, consequently the Sparta's were compelled to.

Report of banquet to Minister Smyth received too late for this issue; will appear next week.

A PLEASANT PARTY.

The warm weather has at all times served to render doubtful the experiment of giving a house entertainment during the summer season, but thanks to lower temperature of yesterday, succeeding the heavy rain of the day before, what might have been a trying affair was justly pronouncod a very pleasant and thoroughly enjoyable affair. The occasion being a reception tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Attwood to Miss Clinton, of Zanesville, Ohio, who is here as the guest of the hostess. About half-past eight o'clk. the guests commenced to arrive, and in a little while the handsome and spacious parlors of Mrs. Attwood's beautiful house was filled to repletion with the best of Washington society. Miss Clinton is, I believe, the niece of Mr. Gant, of Zanesville, who, with his beautiful bride, visited Washington last winter, and who is pleasantly remembered by all who were fortunate enough to have met him. It was but natural therefore that despite the inclement weather so many of our prominent people should turn out to do honor to his niece. During the evening Miss Sally Wall entertained the company with Music, rendering with fine effect the well known ballad "When 'tis Starlight." At eleven o'clock supper was announced, and led by Milton M. Holland, Esq., the guests repaired to the dining room, where a table loaded down with all the delicacies of the season greeted their view. It is safe to assume had the fasting doctor Tanner been present he could not have withstood the temptation to take a bite. The coffee was the best your informant has tasted for a long time. The same might be said with equal propriety of the "tout ensemble." Among those present were Mrs. Dickey, of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Fidler, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Holland, Mr. and Mrs. David Messer, Rev. Wm. Waring, Mrs. Wall and daughter; Misses Beckley, Somerville, and Clinton Messrs. Wyatt Archer, Wm. E. Matnews, J. H. Meriwether, Arthur Langston, F. J. Shadd, Dr. J. H. Francis, Daniel Murray, and Mr. Welbori. After some time time spent in social converse the party dispersed having thoroughly and pleasantly enjoyed the hospitality of mine genial host, Attwood.

Editor People's Advocate:

Last evening Mme. Marie Selika made her first appearncae here, in Congress Spring Park, which was filled with an immense crowd of the most important citizens, not only of Saratoga, but of the country.

Never was Mme. Selika more enthusiastically received than on this occasion; nor was she more heartily applauded than she was after rendition of "Grand Aria" from "La Traviata" (accompanied by Brown's Boston Brigade Orchestra) which was rendered with much ease and gracefulness.

The encore was as beautifuly rendered as the first and was received with very great applause. The manner in which the Mme rendered "Staccato Polka" was the stern conviction that her equals could not be found in America. The "Saratogian" of to day said; The Mme. never so beautiful in all her stage career, nor can her equals in song be found without but little doubt, in the world." Mr. Williams did not appear, but nevertheless her songs were not lessened, though a duet would have given great delight. It was the expectation of all present. Fully ten thousand gave such a peal of applause, as to be heard at considerable distance from the Park and the only satisfaction to be given was a repetition to satisfy the wants and appetites of the most prominent guests of Saratoga.

The Mme. will give open air concerts on each evening of the week, commencing at 8:30 and ending at 10 p. m., at which time judging from the very enthusiastic audience of last evening that the audience will be much larger, the following evenings.

Among the most prominent who are sojourning here, and whom we noticed present, were the Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback and wife of La., Senator B. K. Bruce and wife of Miss.; Senator Frelinghuysen, wife and daughter; Ex. Secy. Bristow wife and daughter; Ex. Post Master General Jewell and wife; Col. Harlan and lady; Judge Taft and wife; Hon. W. H. Vanderbilt and lady; Justice Harlan of the U. S. Supreme Court and Mr, Clements proprietor of Congress Hall Saratoga.

Among those well known in our community are Messrs. Chas. B. Smith, Alex. H. Brooks, D. P. Slater, Wm. R. Rucker, Wm. B. Ross, Jno. R. F. Brown, Mrs Thompson and daughter, Mrs. Marshall Jno. Peterson of Washington, D. C., Jno' Stratton of Phila., Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Jackson of New York. Sam'l. W. Snowden of New York, J. C. Hunt of St. Louis.

Much credit is due the Superintendent of the Park for the manner in which the concerts were conducted, and special mention may be made of Brown's Boston Brigade Orchestra which discoursed beautiful selections before and after Mme. Selika. We hope to give a perfect description of her concerts in our next.

B.

TO THE PUBLIC.

RICHMOND, VA.,
July 31st, 1880.

Owing to the meeting of the Teachers' Institute and a desire to further promote the aime and objects of the Society, the Executive Committee of the Virginia Educational and Historical Society have changed the time and place of meeting from July 15 to August 25, and from Norfolk, Va., to Lynchburg, Va.

PROGRAMME.

1. Welcome Address.....
2. The Public Debt and the Public Schools of Virginia Hon. R. G. Paige.
3. The Necessity for and Duty of the Virginia Educational and Historical Society. Prof. Jos. E. Jones.
4. Literary and Debating Societies. The best mode of conducting them and awakening and sustaining public interest in them. R. A. Tucker, Norfolk, Va., A. S. Pryor, Petersburg, Va; Robt. H. Hamilton, Hampton, Va.; James H. Johnson, Richmond, Va.
5. The progress of the race in acquiring homesteads, in following trades as a means of livelihood, and in business pursuits, the number pursuing collegiate or professional studies, in or out of the State; joint stock or corporative ventures in business. (Each member will give, orally or in writing, any facts he may have bearing on the different subjects.)
6. The Pulpit and its relation to promoting the temporal welfare of the people, including also its moral influence. Rev. W. H. Brooks.
7. The Press. The necessity for its promotion, including therein the reading best adapted to the circumstances and necessities of the race W. C. Roane, D. N. Vassar, O. a. Steward.

Very truly yours,

M. L. WOOLFOLK,
Secretary Executive Committee.

It is the desire of the Association that the above-named gentlemen will prepare themselves accordingly, and be promptly on hand.

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One of the distinguishing characteristics of our times, is the establishment of a variety of new orders, all claiming for their basis some combination of vitures, and all offering certain relief and benefit funds to their members. Some of them are secret, others have open meetings; some confine themselves to one or two hundred dollars in cases of death, others by giving one to three thousand dollars, unite the benefits of life insurance to the social advantages of a fraternity. With the whites, the Knights of Honor, Royal Arcanum and similar organizations have had quite a circulation. No order, to which we have access, has as yet threatened the popularity of the G. U. O. from this cause; but the appearance of the Knights of Wise Men in the West and South, with its headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., furnishes an unanswerable argument for the duty of Odd Fellowship to provide effectually for such a fund for the widow and orphan, and therefore make the order a means of insurance in fact. Such a prospective benefit would hold within our ranks many who feel that their loved ones must be looked after, and who cannot connect themselves with two societies for that purpose.—*Address of P. N. F., J. W. Cromwell, last fall.*

The *Knights of Wise Men* have just closed their Supreme Grand Lodge, It was organized June 5, 1877. The first Grand Lodge was held in 1879, with but two Lodges in existence, to-day it has forty lodges in eight different states and eighteen hundred.

The "Union" between the Baltimore and the Washington lodges at Irving Park Tuesday was not in point of numbers a success. Speeches were made by P. G. Messrs. Chester, Manning, Sharper and Shadrach Brown.

A large crowd flocked to Highland Park Tuesday to attend the first public affair of the Wm. Andrew Freeman Lodge. A number of coaches were filled in the morning and the scene at the depot in the afternoon was one of great animation.

Special Proclamation has been made to all the lodges of Odd Fellows to take action within fifteen days as to the holding of conventions for forming district lodges. Star of the West, 1869 meets next Wednesday night and elect P. N. F, J. W. Cromwell, A. Hays and W. J. Gordon delegates, for that purpose.

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